

LAKE AGASSIZ HIGH SCHOOL FISHING LEAGUE

2025 SEASON KICK OFF



INTRODUCTION

- **Lake Agassiz High School Fishing League was created to provide an opportunity for students to experience the outdoors and sport fishing through their school and with peers.**

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- **Fishing is a “non-curricular” activity**
- **Schools have given approval to use the school name and logo**
- **Schools provide meeting space and access to communicate announcements**
- **Completely run by VOLUNTEERS! Thank you to all who volunteer to make lahsfl a success!**

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- **Thank you! To our schools and their administration**
 - **Fargo public schools**
 - **West fargo public schools**
 - **Central cass public schools**
 - **Oak grove high school**
 - **Shanley high school**

THANK YOU SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

- **The success of lake agassiz high school fishing league has been made possible by the generous support of the community and fishing/outdoor industry.**
- **Please take time to thank those who have supported this organization and the opportunities for our student anglers!**
- **Full list of sponsors and supporters can be found at www.Lakeagassizfishing.Org**

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- **Lund virtual fishing league**

- **1st event of the season is coming soon!**
- **Virtual bass tournament**
- **Rules meeting, morning prayer & national anthem and awards are on zoom and facebook live**
- **Trophies, prizes and random draw for 100 - \$50 scheels gift cards!**
- **“Tournament within a tournament” for lahsfl participants**
- **[Www.Studentangler.Org](http://www.Studentangler.Org)**





2025 LUND VIRTUAL Fishing League

Sunday, May 25
Sunday, June 15
Sunday, June 29
Sunday, July 20
Sunday, August 31

FALL
FLING

Anglers from Any State Welcome!





2025 North Dakota Student Angler Federation Dates

- **National Qualifier – May 3 at Nelson Lake**
- **State Championship & National Qualifier – June 7 at Spiritwood Lake**
- **High School National & World Finals – June 24-28 at Grand Lake in Grove, OK**
- **Junior World Championship – July 30-August 1 at Lake Oahe, SD**

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- **Student angler tournament trail**
 - **[Www.Mnsatt.Org](http://www.mnsatt.org)**
- **FM walleyes unlimited**
 - **Classic cup tournaments**
 - **[Www.Fmwalleyes.Com](http://www.fmwalleyes.com)**
- **EDAK bass club**
 - **EDAK bass club on facebook**
- **FM muskies, inc.**
 - **Great group for those interested in muskie fishing!**
- **Cass county wildlife club**
 - **Strong supporters of youth hunting and fishing opportunities!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- **Contact your coach(es)**
- **Lake agassiz high school fishing league on Facebook & Instagram**
- **www.Lakeagassizfishing.Org for information, rules and schedule**

WEATHER

- **The first 4 years of lake agassiz HS fishing weather was never an issue**
- **We learned some valuable lessons the last 2 years.**
- **We revisited our weather policy and will now adhere to the following:**

WEATHER

- **The safety of our student anglers and boat captains is #1**
- **There will be a representative of the leadership group at each outing location.**
- **If there is bad weather the representative will make the decision if fishing will be postponed or cancelled.**
 - **Lightning within 10 miles of the lake – in order to resume fishing there must be no lightning within 10 miles for 15 minutes.**
 - **Dangerous wind or other dangerous conditions**
- **Rain alone isn't a cancellable occurrence.**

WEATHER

- **If a postponement or cancellation occurs we will post the information on the lake and time on the LAHSFL facebook page.**
- **Fish entered into fishdonkey during postponement or after cancellation will not count**
- ***Boat captains ALWAYS have the right to decide if they want to stop fishing and seek shelter or load up based on their judgement.***

RULES

- **Fishing times are 6:00 p.m. Until 9:00 p.m. (Except for championship events)**
- **You may launch your boat any time prior to the event**
- **Pre-fishing is allowed, except no lines in the water for 1 hour prior to the start of the event**
- **Fish may not be entered before start time or after the event closes (fishdonkey app will not allow)**
- **Make your way safely back to the ramp after the event has ended. If you will be later, please let the league representative know.**

RULES

- **Boat captains will operate the boat at all times under the power of the main engine**
- **Student anglers may operate the boat under the power of the electric trolling motor at the discretion of the boat captain**
- **Student anglers MUST wear personal floatation devices at ALL times during the event**
- **Boat captains MUST wear personal floatation devices when the main motor is operating above trolling speed – we encourage you to wear it the entire time**
- **Eye protection is highly encouraged at all times when on the water**
- **NO tobacco or alcohol use allowed prior, during or after the event at the event venue. (On the lake and at the boat ramp/public access)**

RULES

- **Boat captains subject to background check**
- **Boat captains may fish, but may NOT score points for the team**
 - **If boat captain sets the hook & hands the rod off to the student angler the fish does NOT count toward the team's score**
- **Catch/record/release format for all events**
 - **Score up to 5 fish per event**
 - **Bass, walleye, pike/muskie,**
 - **Bluegill/sunfish, crappie included for open division**
 - **Points for team based on the length**
 - **Bonus points (2) for one of each of the five categories scored that event – open division only**

RULES

- **Events are meant to be fun!**
- **These rules are meant to promote sportsmanship and fair competition. Disputes will be resolved by the league representative at the event and/or the board of directors.**
- **If you are caught cheating you will be disqualified from the event and the league.**

TOURNAMENT SCORING



The Future of Tournament Fishing®

Automate Your Fishing Tournament on a Mobile Phone

FISH DONKEY APP

- ▶ **Boat captains or student anglers are allowed to manage the fish donkey scoring app for the team**
 - ▶ **Download fish donkey app (free)**
 - ▶ **Create profile**
 - ▶ **Find lake agassiz high school fishing league event for that date and venue**
 - ▶ **Enter fish for that event in your boat**
 - ▶ **Coaches will submit student angler roster with boat captain for final scoring**
- ▶ **Username/account must correspond to roster provided by coaches for each event. Consistency is critical!**

LOOK FOR OUR LEAGUE TOURNAMENTS

MY TOURNAMENTS

05/19/23 06:00AM - 06/04/23 11:59PM



Lake Agassiz HS Fishing League Practice
Tournament - Pending

Multiple

EDIT

DELETE

FISH DONKEY APP

- ▶ **Fish donkey app for scoring.**
 - ▶ **2 pictures required to score fish**
 - ▶ **Fish on the ruler**
 - ▶ **Head and tail must be visible in the picture**
 - ▶ **No hands/fingers in the fish's mouth or gills**
 - ▶ **Head must touch the bump**
 - ▶ **Round up to the next $\frac{1}{4}$ inch after the last $\frac{1}{4}$ inch line that the tail touches**
- ▶ **Hero shot**
 - ▶ **Student angler that caught the fish holding it**
 - ▶ **PFD/life jacket must be worn and visible – fish will be DQ if PFD is not worn**
- ▶ **Immediately release the fish back into the lake**
- ▶ **Enter the fish in “points” (NOT inches) in the app**

GOOD EXAMPLE



HERO SHOT



PINCH THE TAIL



MOUTH TOUCHES THE BUMP



FISH DONKEY SCORING

- ▶ **Entries will be confirmed by league official**
 - ▶ **Pictures must visibly show the nose and tail and the ruler**
 - ▶ **Hero shot must be included**
 - ▶ **Entry must be converted to points – if submitted in “inches” it will not be confirmed**
- ▶ **Student anglers/boat captains monitor that fish submissions are confirmed. If they are declined, resubmit before the end of the event.**
- ▶ **“Live leaderboard” – unofficial results will be available during the event, but shut off immediately after the event during verification.**
- ▶ **Official results will be posted on the lake agassiz high school fishing league facebook page the following day**

SCORING – CONVERT ALL ENTRIES TO “POINTS”

<u>Species</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
Bluegill	8 – 8 1/2	8 3/4 – 9	9 1/4 - 9 1/2	9 3/4 – 10	10 1/4 – 10 1/2	10 3/4 +
Crappie	10 1/2 – 11	11 1/4 – 11 3/4	12 – 12 3/4	13 – 13 1/2	13 3/4 – 14 1/4	14 1/2 +
Bass	12 – 14 3/4	15 – 16 1/4	16 1/2 - 17 1/2	17 3/4 – 18 1/2	18 3/4 - 20”	20 1/4 +
Walleye	13 – 15	15 1/4 - 17	17 1/4 - 19 3/4	20 – 22 3/4	23 – 25	25 1/4 +
Northern / Muskie	18 – 22	22 1/4 - 25	25 1/4 - 28	28 1/4 - 32	32 1/4 - 34	34 1/4 +

BOAT CAPTAINS!

- **Parents and student anglers**
 - **We need boat captains to get our student anglers out fishing**
 - **Coaches work very hard to coordinate all of the event venues and teams**
 - **The only way to guarantee that you'll be fishing on league nights is to have a boat captain**
 - **Boat captains volunteer their time, passion and boat/gear. It is also costly for them to drive to the event and run their boat for the night.**
 - **The league will again be funding gas cards for boat captains. But this doesn't cover it all. If you are going out with a boat captain please consider contributing to help cover the costs incurred by their willingness to help out!**

AWARDS

- **Event venue winners**
- **“Angler of the year” in varsity, jv and open divisions**
- **Team championship**
- **“Scheels sportsmanship award”**
- **Varsity scholarship**
 - **\$1,000 scholarships will be awarded thanks to donations to the league**
 - **Student anglers in junior or senior year during 2024-25**
 - **Information at www.Lakeagassizfishing.Org**
 - **Complete and submit to your coach!**

MAKE IT FUN!

- **Boat etiquette**
 - **Be patient at the access loading & unloading**
 - **Give boats room to operate**
 - **Practice water safety**
- **Sportsmanship**
 - **Support fellow anglers on your team and competitors**
 - **Congratulate good catches**
 - **Share information/collaborate**
- **Enjoy the outdoors and the competition**

WHEN LEAVING THE LAKE . . .

- **CLEAN**
- **DRAIN**
- **DRY**
- **EVERY TIME!**

BE PREPARED!

- **What should I bring?**
 - **Life jacket/pfd (make sure it fits properly)**
 - **Sunglasses**
 - **Rod/reel & tackle rigged up ahead of time**
 - **Bait – if live bait is used, be sure to follow the regulations!**
- **Where will we be meeting?**
- **Strategy for catching target species of fish?**